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**Man Sentenced to 50 Years to Life in Prison  
For Murder Outside Hollywood Nightclub**

A 23-year-old man was sentenced today to 50 years to life in prison for a murder outside a Hollywood nightclub last year, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Robert Earl Thomas III was sentenced by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Kathleen Kennedy in case BA406843. In July, jurors found Thomas guilty of first-degree murder and also found true gang and gun allegations.

Thomas shot and killed 19-year-old Andre Lowe outside the Empire Club about 2 a.m. on Jan. 13, 2013. The shooting, which was captured on videotape, happened as the victim and two friends walked to their car in the club's parking lot.

According to court testimony, a man claiming to be a Carver Park gang member approached Lowe and his group and asked what gang they were from. Someone from Lowe's group responded that they don't gang bang, but the man and others began assaulting them.

Deputy District Attorney Catherine Chon of the Hardcore Gang Division said Thomas walked up to the victim during the beating and shot him twice in the back of the head.

Thomas ran over Lowe's body as he tried to flee in a vehicle, according to evidence presented at trial. Thomas was arrested several days later in Las Vegas.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department's Olympic Division.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.